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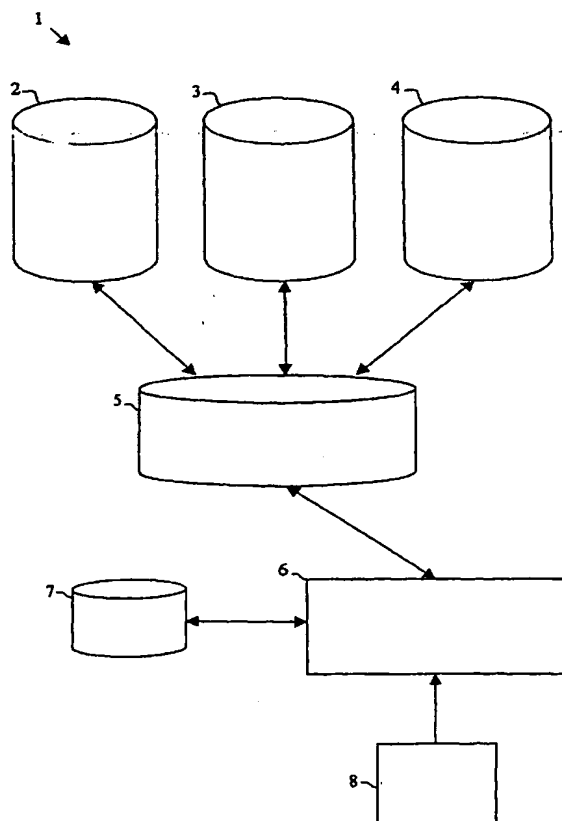
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(54) Title: DATABASE SEARCHING METHOD AND SYSTEM



(57) Abstract: A method and system is described for searching a plurality of information databases (2,3,4) for records related to an input search term. The method comprises selecting a group of related search terms containing the input search term from a search database (7) of terms arranged in predefined groups according to their relationship with one another. Each term is present within one or more of the information databases (2,3,4). A data repository (5) is searched for terms from the selected group, the data repository comprising selected data previously extracted from the records of each information database (2,3,4). The search identifies the corresponding records within the information databases which contain the terms within the selected group.



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